

REMARKS

As of the mailing date of the office action described above, Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Of these pending claims, Claims 14-16 stand rejected; Claims 17-20 stand objected to; and Claims 1-7, 9-11 and 13 stand allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

By way of this paper, Claim 14 has been amended; and Claims 17-27 have been cancelled.

The foregoing amendments and following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding office action, and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Shin ('320) reference.

Independent Claim 14 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claims 17-20, indicated as allowable by the Examiner, as described below. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection of Claim 14 is now moot. Claims 15 and 16 depend from amended Claim 14. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection of Claims 14-16 is respectfully requested.

Additional Claim Amendments

Claims 21-27 have been canceled by way of this paper. Claims 21-27 were subject to a restriction requirement in the office action mailed February 7, 2005. As such, Applicants reserve the right to continue prosecution of the subject matter of Claims 21-27 in a divisional application filed at a later date.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17-20 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The subject matter of Claims 17-20 has been incorporated into independent Claim 14 by way of this paper. Claims 17-20 have been canceled.

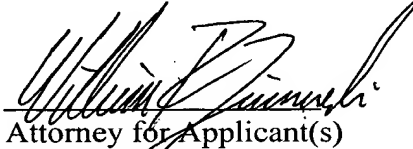
As such, Applicants submit that Claim 14 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 15 and 16 depend from Claim 14. Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of Claims 14-16.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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